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1. (Confidential - GLC) John Goldsmith, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, called and said he was preparing some material for Chairman Stennis' use on the Case/Church amendment to end the war and had come across a New York Daily News item of 28 April stating that Communist troops have staged public executions of mayors and teachers in 50 villages which they have occupied. Goldsmith is interested in knowing whether this article is accurate. After checking with Mr. Carver, SAVA, I told Goldsmith that in essence the article was true although we were not at all sure about the figure of 50 since we doubt the Communists have occupied that many towns. We suggested Goldsmith avoid the use of any numbers in discussing this subject. Goldsmith was grateful for the information and said he would limit himself to a mere statement that reports alleged these executions had taken place.

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3. (Unclassified - GLC) Called Bob O'Regan, in the office of Representative Dante B. Fascell (D., Fla.), about the constituent letter from Charles A. Gauld asking about several Spanish language radio stations in Florida. I told O'Regan there was no official U.S. Government connection with these stations as far as we knew and any information about them and the persons associated with them should be obtained from the Federal Communications Commission whom Gauld had mentioned in his letter along with CIA. O'Regan said he had also referred the letter to the FCC but "they are not as prompt in their response to congressional inquiries." He asked if we would give him some kind of an answer from the Agency which he could use in responding to Gauld's query. I told him I would see what we could do.

4. (Unclassified - GLC) Jane McMullan, Senate Appropriations Committee staff, called to say the community budget session on Friday would begin at 9:30 a.m. instead of the usual 10:00 a.m.

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8. (Confidential - GLC) Following up on his call to Mr. Maury, I met with Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, and reviewed with him the material which I had left for him Friday on possible amendments to the State authorization bill and floor statements for the Chairman's use. Braswell confessed he had not read this material through and when we went over it said it was quite sufficient for his purposes. He did ask, however, if I would check on the number of people in the Agency who would be covered by the 10 percent reduction in overseas personnel and I told him I would double check the figure and be back in touch with him tomorrow.

9. (Unclassified - GLC) In response to his request, left with Mr. Stevenson, in the office of Senator Harold Hughes (D., Iowa) a copy of the China Atlas.

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10. (Secret - JGO) Talked to Mr. George Berdes, National Security Policy and Scientific Developments Subcommittee staff, and confirmed with him the meeting for 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, 9 May 1972, Room 2200 Rayburn House Office Building for updating the information previously provided the Subcommittee on Soviet strategic weapons systems. See Journal of 26 April 1972. Mr. Duckett, DDS&T, has been advised.

11. (Secret - JGO) Met with Mr. Norman Cornish, Foreign Operations and Government Information Subcommittee staff, in response to his call of Thursday evening concerning the Chairman's request for Agency testimony on the Freedom of Information Act and Executive Order 11652. See Memo for Record.

12. (Internal Use Only - JGO) Met with Mr. Frank Slatinshek, House Armed Services Committee staff, and reviewed with him Chairman Moorhead's letter to the Director requesting a witness to give testimony to the Freedom of Information Act exemption of classified information and Executive Order 11652 concerning classification. See Memorandum for the Record.

13. (Secret - JGO) Met with Mr. Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, and delivered a letter from the Director to the Chairman concerning withdrawal from reserves. I briefed him orally on the purpose of the withdrawal. I also gave Preston a copy of the Director's book on the community budget for his review. Preston told me that he is scheduling Tuesday, 16 May, for the Director's briefing on the community budget. The single control feature on this date will be the availability of the Chairman. As he sees it now, the Chairman will be available. He will not be able to schedule the Agency budget briefing within the following several days, however. The Agency briefing will be the next in line with the special group but will have to await the availability of Chairman Mahon. Preston confirmed the visit to Headquarters, Friday, 10:00 a.m., for briefing and luncheon. Messrs. Tweedy, D/DCI/IC, and Briggs, OPPB, have been advised.

14. (Confidential - JGO) Met briefly with Mr. William Hogan, House Armed Services Committee staff, who told me that Chairman Nedzi is awaiting the completion of the full Committee markup of the Defense bill before scheduling the Agency briefing on classification and Executive Order 11652. Mr. Hogan expects he will have some definite information before the end of the week.

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15. (Unclassified - JMM) Met with Representative Barry Goldwater, Jr., in response to his request for a general nonsensitive briefing on the Agency. Since the briefing dealt with no operational matters, I offered no objection to the inclusion of a couple members of his staff. His questions concerned particularly the relation of the Agency with other members of the community, the problems of coordination and duplication, and our general assessment of the effectiveness of the RIS.

16. (Confidential - JMM) Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, called to say that Chairman Stennis was "much disillusioned" about the military briefings he was getting regarding Vietnam and was wondering how he could get a more objective picture of the situation there. Braswell said he had suggested that he might want a briefing from CIA, but Stennis had not immediately followed up on this. Braswell said before pursuing the matter further he wanted our views and wondered whether it might be more helpful to show him our situation reports. I said I thought the Chairman could get a better perspective by an oral briefing by George Carver, SAVA, but that I would take the matter up with the Director.

Braswell said he would like some additional backup material for the Chairman's possible use in seeking an exemption for CIA to a 10% cut in official overseas U.S. personnel, which Mr. Cary provided.

After discussing the matter with the Director, I called Braswell back to say we suggested that George Carver provide the Chairman with a general briefing on the military situation in Vietnam. Braswell will let us know what the Chairman would like.

17. (Confidential - JMM) Met with Frank Slatinshek, House Armed Services Committee staff, who said the full Committee would like a briefing from the Agency in the next two or three days on the situation in Vietnam. He said several members such as Representative Leggett, had been increasingly skeptical of the information they were getting from Defense briefers, including Admiral Moorer who had been providing them with briefings on Vietnam in the past few days. We discussed the pros and cons of whether such a briefing should be provided by the Director or George Carver and Slatinshek thought Carver would probably be acceptable. I said I would take the matter up with the Director and let him know the results. He cautioned that because of the controversy in the Committee, and critical attitude toward the Pentagon, things might get a little strained on this subject.

Slatinshek said he had already been briefed by the Navy on a recent sensitive item

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